JUNE 22ND, 2026

The Jay County Commissioners met in session on Monday, June 22ND, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in the courthouse auditorium. Attending was Doug Horn, Chad Aker, auditor Emily Franks, attorney Wes Schemenaur, and Duane Monroe, president, presiding. Doug Horn made a motion to approve the minutes from June 8th, 2026. Chad Aker seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

HIGHWAY

Bob Howell, superintendent, and Stephanie Klarer, assistant superintendent, came before commissioners for approval of a contract with SJCA related to Bridge #64. Chad Aker made a motion to approve the contract with SJCA for Bridge #64 as presented. Doug Horn seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote. A claim for the annual loan payment with Farmer State Bank for the grader in the amount $86,619.99. Chad Aker made a motion to approve the claim as presented. Doug Horn seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote. The fees for the proposed Right of Way Ordinance were briefly discussed. They will review the fees compared to other counties ahead of the next meeting.

HEALTH

Elasha Lennartz, administrator, came before commissioners to seek approval for the 2026/2027 Health Bioterrorism Preparedness Grant for $25,000. Doug Horn made a motion to approve the grant as presented. Chad Aker seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

SHERIFF

Larry "Ray" Newton, sheriff, came before commissioners to discuss various topics. The first was the purchase of three radar units and equipment from Kustom Signals Inc for $8,069. Doug Horn made a motion to approve the purchase of the radars. Chad Aker seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote. The next topic was approval to purchase a new Spillman/Motorola server for a cost of $224,177.20 with $113,251 due the first year. As part of the Spillman agreement with units Portland would pay 40% of the cost with Pennville and Redkey each paying 5%. The agreement would take effect next year. Chad Aker questioned if the department had the money in their 2027 budget, upon confirmation he made a motion to approve the purchase of the new server. Doug Horn seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

Lastly, Mr. Newton requested the commissioners extend the flex time deadline for his department from June 30th. The commissioners determined to follow the personnel policy as written with no extension.

JEMS

Gary Barnett, shift supervisor, came before commissioners to discuss monthly operations including financial reports. He also provided an estimate from Second Shift Solutions to put a security system into Dunkirk base. This includes two cameras, and a carded door locks for $4,954. Chad Aker made a motion to approve the security system from Second Shift Solutions. Doug Horn seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote. Mr. Barnett updated commissioners on the new ambulance. It is still being worked on at the final stages and is unable to move the process any faster. The second truck will have to be pulled and utilized at the Jay County Fair.

SUN CHIEF/ SCOUT ENERGY

The amended economic development agreement with Sun Chief Solar signed at the prior meeting was not the final version. They asked the commissioners to reaffirm the final version. Chad Aker made a motion to approve the amended agreement with Sun Chief. Doug Horn seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

RADIO INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT-SALAMONIA

An interlocal agreement with the Salamonia Volunteer Fire Department (RVFD) related to the new radio system was presented for commissioner approval. The agreement has

Salamonia VFD responsible for costs related to the warranty of equipment over five years totaling $6,146.40. It also has them responsible for costs related to SMART features. Chad Aker made a motion to approve the interlocal agreement as presented. Doug Horn seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

EDIT DEADLINE

The EDIT Application deadline for the 2027 budget was July 1st, 2026. It was decided that commissioners will review those applications at their next meeting on July 13th, 2026.

OTHER BUSINESS

The claims docket for June was presented for commissioner approval. Chad Aker made a motion to approve the claims docket as presented. Doug Horn seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

The payroll docket was presented for commissioner approval. Chad Aker made a motion to approve the payroll docket as presented. Doug Horn seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

The treasurer's report for May was presented for commissioner approval. Chad Aker made a motion to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Doug Horn seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

Emergency Claims for Wright Way Collision Repair of $5,981.11 to repair a sheriff's vehicle was presented for commissioner approval. Chad Aker made a motion to approve the claim as presented. Doug Horn seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote. Another emergency claim to Corpsite for $109.97 for the website. Doug Horn made a motion to approve the claim as presented. Chad Aker seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

With no further business, Chad Aker made a motion to adjourn at 10:03 a.m; Doug Horn seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

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Attest: Emily Franks

Jay County Auditor

JULY 8TH, 2026

The Jay County Commissioners met in special session on Wednesday, July 8th, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. in the courthouse auditorium. Attending was Doug Horn, Chad Aker, auditor Emily Franks, attorney Wes Schemenaur, and Duane Monroe, president, presiding. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the application of the countywide comprehensive plan grant.

A five-year maintenance commitment to make sure the county will actively utilize this document for decisions following its adoption. Chad Aker made a motion to approve the five-year commitment letter as presented. Doug Horn seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

Resolution 2026-10 authorizing application submission and local match commitment in the amount of $55,000 for a County-Wide Comprehensive Plan and to execute and administer a resultant grant including requisite general administration and project management, contracts and agreements pursuant to regulations of the Indiana Office of Community & Rural Affairs and the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development. Doug Horn made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-10 as presented. Chad Aker seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

A letter of support for the project to be submitted with the application was presented for commissioner approval. Doug Horn made a motion to approve the letter of support as presented. Chad Aker seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

The meeting was then opened up for a public hearing related to the OCRA planning grant at 5:45 p.m. After an overview of the grant was presented by Ceann Bales, the meeting was opened for public comment. All comments from the public were in favor of the project. The public hearing was then closed.

With no further business, Chad Aker made a motion to adjourn the special session at 5:49 p.m. Doug Horn seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

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Doug Horn

Attest:

Jay County Auditor